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December 2d.

The President, Mr. LEA, in the Chair.

Twenty-eight members present.

The following papers were presented for publication :

A Review of the Ferns of North America. By Elliott Coues.

Catalogue of the Miocene Shells of the Atlantic Slope of the United States. By T. A. Conrad.

Dr. I. I. Hayes made some remarks on some fragments of a supposed meteorite presented by him to the Academy. They were obtained from Savisavik, a little below Cape York, lat. 76° N. The mass was described by the Esquimaux as weighing several tons.

By resolution, the thanks of the Academy were tendered to Dr. I. I. Hayes for the very valuable series of specimens collected in his last Arctic Expedition and presented to the Academy.

December 9th.

The President, Mr. LEA, in the Chair.

Nineteen members present.

The following papers were presented for publication :

Descriptions of new and recent Miocene Shells. By T. A. Conrad.

Remarks on some species of Paludina, Amnicola, Valvata and Melania. By James Lewis, M. D.

December 16th.

The President, Mr. LEA, in the Chair.

Twenty members present.

December 23d.

The President, Mr. LEA, in the Chair.

Twenty-three members present.

The following paper was presented for publication :

Description of Fossils from the Yellow Sandstone lying beneath the Burlington Limestone, &c. By Alexander Winchell."

Mr. Cassin communicated the fact that the Snow-Owl is at present unusually frequent in the vicinity of Philadelphia, more so than he had ever known it previously to be.

Dr. Hayes referred to his having discovered remains of the Musk Ox, in Greenland, from lat. 78° to $78^{\circ} 20'$, where the animal is now extinct. Specimens of these remains had been presented to the Academy. He also made some remarks on the extinction of the Esquimaux in Northern Greenland.

December 30th.

The President, Mr. LEA, in the Chair.

Twenty-three members present.

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